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## **What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...**

**(Friday, May 25 – Sunday, May 27, 2012)**

### **Friday, May 25, 2012 (through Thursday, May 31)**

*Sales Tax Holiday*



Hurricane season is just around the corner! Prepare yourself and your loved ones by getting ready now. Virginia's Hurricane and Emergency Preparedness Equipment sales tax holiday begins on

Friday, May 25, 2012, and runs through Thursday, May 31. Shoppers can purchase items like bottled water, batteries, self-powered flashlights and radios, duct tape, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and cell phone chargers free of state and locality sales tax. The full list includes:

- Portable generators and generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and removable ice
- Batteries, excluding auto or boat, but including AAA, AA, C, D, 6-volt, 9-volt and cell phone batteries

- Any portable, self-power light sources, including flashlights, lanterns or glow sticks
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios and NOAA weather radios
- Tarpaulins, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords or rope
- Ground anchor systems or tie down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide or smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Water storage containers
- Nonelectric food storage coolers
- Bottled water
- Manual can openers
- Storm shutter devices
- Cellphone chargers
- First aid kits

For more information, visit [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov).

## **SATURDAY, May 26**

### *Star Wars Party*



Join the North Suffolk Library for a fun morning of all things Star Wars and celebrate Star Wars Day (a day late) on Saturday, May 26, 2012, starting at 10 a.m. There will be plenty of fun games, including Stormtrooper Bowling, where you can help save Princess Leia. Chomp down on Wookie Cookies, slurp up Yoda Soda, and make fun crafts to take home with you.

This event is for Star Wars fans of all ages. Costumes are encouraged. There will be plenty of great photo opportunities!

The North Suffolk Library is located at 2000 Bennett's Creek Park Road. For more information, call Sarah or Brooke at (757) 514-7150 or visit [www.suffolk.lib.va.us](http://www.suffolk.lib.va.us).

## **SATURDAY, May 26**

### *Farmer's Market*



Launched in 2006, the Suffolk Farmers' Market is an open-air gathering place offering locally-grown fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, honey, homemade jams and jellies, baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, plants and handmade jewelry and crafts. Held in the brand-new Visitor Center Pavilion, conveniently located behind the Suffolk

Visitor Center at the corner of Main Street and Constance Road, the Market will operate rain or shine on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3 to 6 p.m. It will also operate on Fridays in June and July during TGIF Concerts at the Wharf, 4-7 p.m.

The Visitor Center is located at 524 North Main Street in downtown Suffolk. For more information or to become a vendor, contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at (757) 514-4130 or e-mail [VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us](mailto:VisitSuffolk@suffolkva.us).

## **SATURDAY, May 26 – SUNDAY, May 27**

### *Jumping For Purpose Wounded Warrior Event*



Join Wounded Warriors from every conflict dating back to the Korean War as they have the opportunity to experience advanced free fall with an experienced instructor at Jumping For Purpose, held

at Skydive Suffolk, located at the Suffolk Executive Airport, on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27. Event organizers anticipate 5,000 people will attend the event that will be helping to raise funds for WoundedWear, a Hampton Boards-based non-profit organization founded to serve fellow Wounded Warriors.

Last year's event raised over \$17,000 for Wounded Warriors by giving the community an opportunity to celebrate our nation's heroes. Jumping For Purpose is a partnership between TroopSwap.com, an ecommerce platform exclusively for military families, and the Red Bull Air Force.

The Suffolk Executive Airport is located at 1200 Gene Bolton Drive, Suffolk, VA 23434.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS - REMINDER**

\*\* In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Suffolk City offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2012. Normal operations will resume Tuesday, May 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. This includes all area libraries, the Suffolk Art Gallery, joint-use recreation centers and the East Suffolk Recreation Center. The four major parks – Lone Star Lakes, Constant's Wharf, Sleepy Hole, and Bennett's Creek – will remain open but no park attendant will be on duty. The Suffolk Visitors Center will remain open on May 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suffolk Public Works Department will pick up trash as scheduled next week. TFC Recycling will also conduct their normal recycling collection routes. The Southeastern Public Safety Authority (SPSA) Transfer Station in Suffolk will be open Monday, May 28, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Regional Landfill will be closed on Monday, May 28, 2012.\*\*

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